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Unwanted Pesticides Collection Date Scheduled for May 15

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is partnering with Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling Department to accept unwanted or unused pesticides from farmers and homeowners across the state. Richland County is holding its annual Richland Recycles Day at the SC State Fairgrounds.

Although most of the recycling event is only open to residents of Richland County, waste pesticides will be accepted from residents of any county in SC. Pesticides will not be accepted from any type of commercial business or commercial applicator. There will be other collection events in 2015 that will be open to commercial applicators.

- Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 15.
- Location: SC State Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia.
- SCDA will have personnel on sight to monitor pesticide collection.
- Quantities accepted will be limited to 2,500 pounds of solid waste and 300 gallons of liquid.
- Rinsate will not be accepted.
- No fertilizer (unless it is combined with a pesticide such as weed and feed), compressed gas cylinders (metal cylinder with a valve), or empty containers will be collected.
- SCDA has final authority and will make the decision on whether or not to take waste from participants.
- Pesticide products include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides, and other similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.

For more information regarding pesticide collection, contact SCDA's John Stokes at 803-737-9696. For more information on Richland County's Richland Recycles Day event, contact Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at 803-576-2446.

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